

Howland Wood - Curatorial

Mosher, Stuart

[Buffalo Museum of Science

1932-1937

+ Wayte Raymond, Inc.]

August 10, 1932.

Mr. Stuart Mosher
%Courier Express
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I note that you will send on application a list of the commemorative coins of the United States. I would be very glad to have you do the same and herewith is enclosed a self addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
HUMBOLDT PARK
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September 6th, 1935.

Mr. Howland Wood
Care American Numismatic Society
156th Street & Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood

The Buffalo Museum of Science intends to publish as one of its scientific bulletins, a catalogue of its numismatic collection. Accompanying this catalogue is a short treatise on the evolution of money.

Would it be asking too much to have you read this manuscript before it goes to press? The manuscript is about 15,000 words.

If you should find it possible to look it over, I would appreciate any corrections or suggestions you might care to make.

Thanking you for the attention you may give this request, I am,

Very truly yours,

Stuart Mosher,
Research Associate
in Numismatics.

SM/MVT.

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October 8th.
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My dear Mr. Wood:

I hardly know how to thank you for reading and correcting my rather amateurish "Story of Money." It has not been an easy task to compile this article, and I'll admit I've tried to cover more ground than for which I am qualified.

Your corrections have been most helpful, and combined with those of Messers Newell, Mabbott, and Gibbs I believe this article will be fairly valuable.

With one exception I have followed all of your corrections. The exception regards the use of tea money in Manchuria. The large specimen in the Museum collection is inscribed partly in Manchu, and in my research I have found several references to its use there. An article in the National Geographic several years ago, (Not DuPuy's) shows a native of Manchuria carrying a load of this tea money.

However, its not important, I only wanted to explain my reason for citing the case.

Thanks again for your kind help, and thank Mr. Newell for me. When I next visit New York City I hope to meet you and thank you in person.

Very truly yours,

Stuart Mober

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City,
New York.

October 16, 1935.

Mr. Stuart Mosher
Buffalo Museum of Science
Humboldt Park
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Your letter at hand and I am glad I was able to help you out on your manuscript. Concerning the brick tea money, I find that it was used in Manchuria. However, the chief users were in Mongolia and Tibet, as well as in certain parts of Siberia bordering on Mongolia. Howard Gibbs was in here Sunday and stated he had gone through your manuscript as well.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 9, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
Wayte Raymond, Inc.
580 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I am herewith enclosing new photographs of some of those Brazilian pieces. The portrait of Santos Dumas was pretty near impossible to get anything out of.

I am also including the Delaware commemorative.

Kusterer handed me the gold coins and the Canadian pamphlets. Many thanks for transmitting these to us and thanks for the Canadian booklet.

Very truly yours,

Curator

May 1, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
Wayte Raymond, Inc.,
580 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mosher:

I am herewith enclosing a few photographs, including the retaking of the Cuban and Canadian gold pieces. Also photographs done another way by artificial light of the two last commemoratives. These are simply experiments.

I am also sending down dope on two new issues.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

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"WAYRAY" NEW YORK

May 20th, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
156th & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed you will find a list of Presidential Medals numbered according to Satterlee, 1862. These numbers represent the medals which we do not have photographs of, and that we would like you to supply if it is possible.

As we intend to continue this series in the next edition of the COIN COLLECTOR'S JOURNAL, we would appreciate early cooperation on your part.

Very truly yours,

Walter Moshier

May 28, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
% Wayte Raymond, Inc.,
580 Fifth Ave., NYC

My dear Mosher:

I am herewith sending you some more of the 20th Century coin material. I am also enclosing new issues for Canada, Britain, Lithuania, Viscaya, Germany and Belgium Congo, with the photographs. Also, a number of prints, in fact, all of the presidential medals that we have that you asked for. I have numbered these, on rather one side, so that you can easily pick them out. All of these are the best photographs we have taken in some time. They were done by artificial light ~~but~~ waydid them a little differently.

The gold coins I have sent directly to Wayte at Montauk.

I will be away all of next week but if anything comes up, Clark can look after it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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June 9th, 1937.

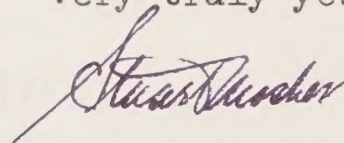
Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
156th & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am returning several photographs of new issues.
Our engraver does not think that he could produce a half-tone from these photographs.

I wonder if you would try them again the next time you have your photographer working. In the meantime, I will hold up the copy and run it in the next issue.

Very truly yours,



June 16, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
580 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I find the mint does not always know that they have done in the past. The Mint report makes no mention in their reports of striking Cuban coins for 1916. They nevertheless must have. The Mint Report shows only coinage struck for the fiscal years June 1915 and fiscal year ending June 1916.

On a separate sheet I see according to the English Mint report the Cuban gold struck for the calendar year 1915. Comparing these figures with columns 2 and 3, it certainly shows that a certain amount was struck in 1916. We have a 1 peso with the date 1916 and I have seen other pieces bearing this date. The peculiar thing about these figures is that apparently no 20 pesos were struck in 1916 and yet Mrs. Ross says there were. In my catalogue of Cuban coins, I give all denominations for both years.

I am sending a few cuts of West Indian gold coins down to you by parcel post. Wayte Raymond wished these and we are loaning them to him so we would eventually like to have them back. I am writing Wayte telling him I am sending them to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

June 18, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
Wayte Raymond, Inc.
580 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I am herewith enclosing new photographs of the Belgium and Viscaya pieces. These are much more contrasty as we lit them differently and also used a black background. It is peculiar how a black background changes color and quality of a piece. I also get higher lights on them.

I am also enclosing the Henry Clay medal we did over.

I will try to be at the Bronx Club on Wednesday night.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

July 2, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
% Wayte Raymond, Inc.
580 Fifth Ave., NYC

Dear Mosher:

I am herewith sending down some dope on new issues as well as some more sheets of the 20th Century coins. I have several more countries on the way.

I did not send down the accounts of the new Italian coins as I was not satisfied with the photographs. The nickel, as usual, came out poorly.

I will probably be away until next Wednesday.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

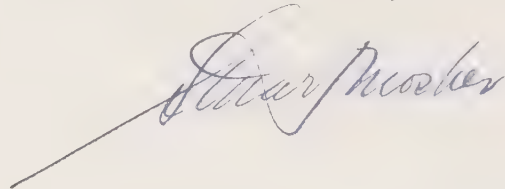
July 2nd, 1937

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am enclosing a letter and photographs of two Polish coins. Will you kindly write them up for the JOURNAL.

I would give a lot to learn how these photos were made. Suppose they are of plaster casts but I am not sure.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Starbuck", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the left side of the name.

TRANSLATION

The Coin Collector's Journal
SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.

Gentlemen:

I AM ENCLOSING HERewith FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS
REPRESENTING THE DESIGNS OF OUR COINS OF THE DENOMINATIONS
OF 5 and 2 zlotys IN SILVER, FINENESS 750. THESE PIECES
NEWLY STRUCK AT THE MINT OF WARSAW, CARRY ON ONE SIDE THE
DESIGN OF A SAILING SHIP AND ON THE OTHER THE EMBLEM OF
THE STATE. THEY ARE SOLD FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOSTERING
AN INTEREST IN MARITIME PROJECTS.

I ALWAYS READ VERY CLOSELY YOUR VERY INTERESTING
JOURNAL WHICH I RECEIVE REGULARLY AND FOR WHICH I THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ING. L. ZAGRODZKI

MENNICA PANSTWOWA

WARSAW, POLAND

Encl. 4 photographs

7/1/37
alh

July 7, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
% Wayte Raymond, Inc.,
580 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I already have the Polish coins and was going to write them up, but with the additional information you have given me, I can do it better and probably send it down to you tomorrow.

You gave me a scare in your translation when you said "total 750". The 750 applies to the fineness of the silver.

These were photographed from either the artist's model or an especially struck piece, either in lead or dull silver, partly oxidized. They were not photographed from coins for circulation. You will notice in a recent Numismatist how nicely the Gettysburg half dollar showed up. These were made from a large artist's model.

I am returning the two letters you enclosed. I just got back this morning from a four days' trip into New England and will get more stuff down to you shortly.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

July 13, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
% Wayte Raymond, Inc.
580 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Have been away the past two days which is the reason you have not heard from me. I have filled in the information that I think you want. At least I hope I have.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

July 20, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
% Wayne Raymond, Inc.
580 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

When I was down the other day you asked if you owed us any money. I have looked up and have found the following bills for photographs have not been paid. Probably Wayne has these down at the country.

I remember last year he had mislaid one or two bills and probably has done the same this year. I would not have brought the matter up if you had not asked me.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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August 17, 1937

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed you will find a
photograph of a new Austrian coin.

When you write it up would
you please mention 'Courtesy of the Director
of the Viena mint.' I think he would like
that.

Yours truly,

Stuart Mosher.

August 26, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher
% Wayte Raymond, Inc.
580 Fifth Ave., NYC

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I am herewith sending you copy for four new issues including the Austrian one you sent me data concerning and which I am returning.

I also wish to acknowledge receipt of the Persian photograph. I am also returning the counterstamped coin for the Ionian Islands which you sent up. This is a 50 oboli piece. I have written Wayte describing the gold 50 sole piece.

I am also enclosing a notice concerning the new coins from Bhutan. They can be obtained from the agent to the Bhutan Durbar, Kalimpong, Bhutan. Why not send for some of these? They ought to sell. If you ever get any, I would like one of each.

I trust you had a good time at the Convention.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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September 2, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed are three Siamese porcelain tokens.
Would it be possible for you to attribute these
for us, that we may advertise them in the forth-
coming issue of COIN TOPICS?

If you care to keep these three for the Society's
collection (they are probably duplicates), you
are welcome to do so.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Cordially yours,

P.S. The man who sent us these
pieces from Siam, believes that
the head on the small one is
that of Victoria. Is this so?

Stuart Mather

*Head of Victoria
Rev. name of issuing Co.
and 5 Fun*

1760 1875

*1 Salung + Fish
1 Fuang*

Sept. 8, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
Wayte Raymond, Inc.,
580 Fifth Avenue, NYC

Dear Mosher:

Yours received with the 3 Siamese porcelain tokens. Although we have a large collection, we have none of these three. We did have a larger size of the one with the Queen's head. You can describe this one as Crowned head of Victoria, reverse, name of issuing company or hong, and value 5 fun in Chinese.

The other two you can say, name of company in three Chinese characters. Reverse fish and 1 salung (value). This is the larger one. Same, but with the value of 1 fuang (the smaller one).

These porcelain tokens were issued by various Chinese companies in Siam from about 1760 to 1875, when the government put a stop to them. These companies were chiefly gambling houses and when they got their charters from the Siamese government, they for the most part carried the right to issue tokens. After a while they became generally accepted in the district or locality in which they were. They got to be such a nuisance that the Siamese government finally put an end to their issue and use but they did not wholly go out of circulation for several years.

For the most part they were made of porcelain. Some were made of glazed clay, a few of glass, a few in brass or lead. They come in all sorts of shapes and colors and there are probably a couple of thousand varieties, issued during the period of their use, which was over a 100 years.

I am away most of September but have got quite a little done or partly done on the 20th Century stuff.

Very truly yours.

HW ks

Curator

Oct. 23, 1937

Mr. Stuart Mosher,
Wayte Raymond, Inc.,
580 Fifth Ave., NYC

Dear Mosher:

I am herewith sending down something on the
new coins of Liberia; also photographs of silver dollars
for Wayte Raymond himself. Will you see he gets these latter?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.